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EUROPE

1. USSR: Estimate of Soviet intent--US Embassy Moscow, in summarizing a basic estimate of Soviet intentions

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expresses the view that the Kremlin is waging a "ruthless and unrelenting" war against the free world, in which "cold war" and "shooting war" are merely tactical phrases. The Embassy considers that the USSR has already passed through the first phase of its postwar plan, which required the extension of Soviet control through revolutionary conquests and the simultaneous rehabilitation of Soviet heavy industry and the military machine. In the Embassy's opinion, the Soviet offensive is now in its second openly revolutionary phase, in which the Kremlin is relying upon a wave of rebellion against "imperialism" in the dependent areas and upon Western economic depression to bring certain new regions under Soviet control. The Embassy comments that, to accomplish these objectives, the USSR is steering a course as close as possible to but short of a full-scale war. The Embassy adds that the danger of war through Soviet miscalculation will grow and that incidents and "limited hostilities" may occur, but estimates that Moscow will probably endeavor to avoid a showdown until the USSR attains overwhelming superiority of force.

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs in the above estimate.)

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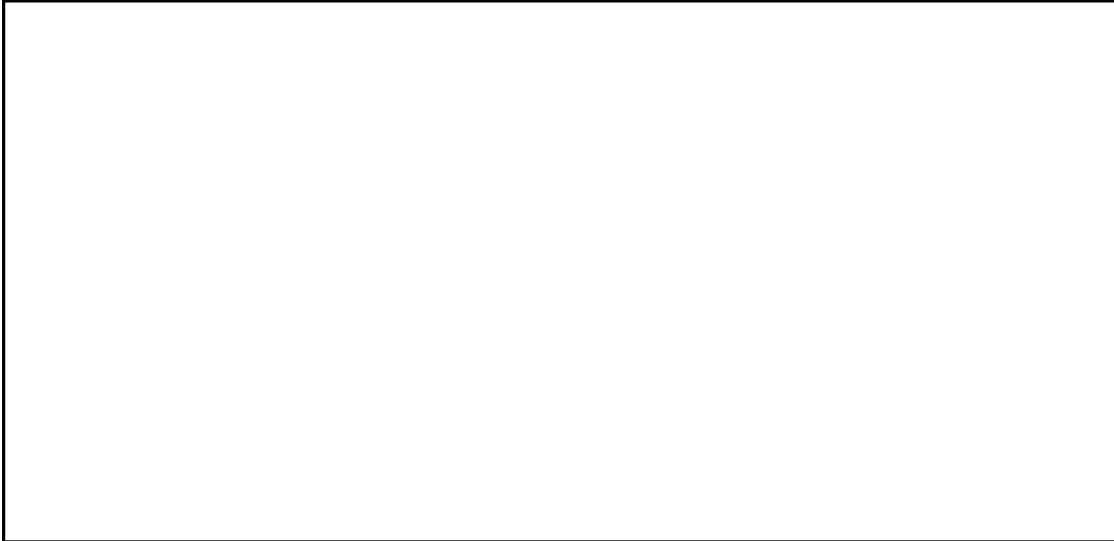
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THE AMERICAS

3. BOLIVIA: Anti-Communist conference proposed--US Ambassador Florman in La Paz reports that the Bolivian Government has proposed to other South American republics that a meeting of foreign ministers be held at La Paz during May for the purpose of establishing a uniform policy designed to "put a stop" to Communist activities in South America. (The Bolivian Government recently expressed deep concern regarding what it considered to be an international Communist organization in South America and suggested to the Department of State that the US might send observers to a conference of South American republics to consider the problem. The Department expressed the view that bilateral conversations between Bolivia and its neighbors would be more effective than a general conference.)



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